

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MAY 14, 2002

The Annual Town Meeting for Budget consideration was called to order by Town Clerk Joan E. Gerdson at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Mansfield Middle School. The Town Clerk read the warning of the meeting and asked for nominations for Moderator of the meeting. About 90 persons attended the meeting.

Mayor Paterson moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to nominate Mr. Fred A. Cazal, Jr. as moderator. No other nominations. By acclamation Mr. Cazal assumed the Chair.

Mr. Schaefer, Chairman of the Finance Committee moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the Proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, for fiscal year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002 in the amount of \$24,297,250 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 29, 2002, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 and said sums currently estimated at \$7,143,860, shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Projects Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$2,254,000 be adopted provided that a portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times. Be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$3,240,003 be adopted.

Mayor Elizabeth C. Paterson spoke on the budget as presented and the major items of change.

Ms. Mary Feathers spoke on the Board of Education budget.

Mr. Dick Pellegrine, Clover Mill Road, spoke against the spending plan.

Roy Miton, 141 Davis Road, inquired about costs for the Community Center.

Dianne Nadeau, Thornbush Road, spoke on the need for support for the concession and facilities at Southeast School.

Kurt Schletter, 19 Bolduc Lane, was concerned over spending of some items such as the \$90,000 at the Town Garage and \$10,000 for Town Hall Furniture since this year seemed to be a tight financial year.

Ms. Sheila Amdur, 130 Sawmill Brook Lane, moved the adoption of the budget and called the question.

Voice vote the question was called and the Budget adopted.

Ms. Sheila Amdur moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Paterson. Unanimously approved.

Fred A. Cazel, Jr. Moderator

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk